

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	Devlin et al.)	
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Serial No.:	10/817,545)	Group Art Unit: 1795
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Filed on:	April 2, 2004)	Examiner: Akram, Imran
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Title:	Method for Increasing Throughput in an)	
	Automatic Clinical Analyzer by)	
	Duplicating Reagent Resources)	
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Atty. Docket No.:	DCS-9166)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated June 25, 2008, in which claims 1-5 were rejected and is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this communication prior to examination of the above identified case on its merits.